

Welcome to Coney Hill Baptist Church

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Sunday 28th September 2025

A Brother & Heir: -

Galatians 3:26-4:7

For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Galatians 3:26-27



Church Mission Statement:

"Demonstrating the Love of God together.

Making God known through practical service,
relevant witness and the growing of
Committed Followers of Jesus"

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(Please send items to Sue by WEDNESDAY Thank you).

Thank you Chris & Ali

for making the 'TEA & COFFEE'

for us all this morning, it is very much appreciated.

Oct 5th - Bob & Christine
Oct 12th - David & Eileen

Oct 19th - Henry & Henrietta

Oct 26th - Annette & Ruth

Nov 2nd - Sarah & Chris

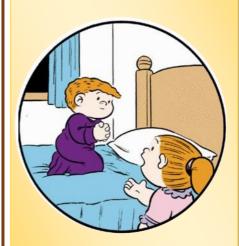
Nov 9th - David & Eileen



The Blessing Family!

Children are a gift from the Lord; They are a reward from him.

Psalm 127:3 (NLT)



"It's okay to pray for something little Jeffy.

Everything's little to God"



SAFEGUARDING:

We want everybody with whom we come into contact with, as a church, to feel welcomed, safe and secure at all

times. Our safeguarding strategy is designed to ensure this, if you have any questions on it, or, especially if you wish to register or report any concerns, please speak to the **Minister** or one of our Safeguarding advocates, they are:

Alison Newell - 020 8249 2129 / 07913 923779 (alison.newalls@ntlworld.com)

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RECORDING & PHOTOGRAPHY ...

Our services are live streamed via **Facebook**. Generally we do not show the faces of members of the congregation, if you wish to ensure that you do not appear in any way you may wish to sit in the back few rows.

Taking photographs in our building should be kept to a minimum and never shared on social media without the consent of all who might appear on them.



Autumn Sunday Programme: Paul's Portraits of Jesus...

7th September –

A Dying Saviour:

Romans 5:1-11

14th September –

Wisdom in Brokenness:

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5

21st September – Carwyn Hill - (communion)

28th September -

A Brother & Heir:

Galatians 3:26-4:7

5th October – Harvest Celebration

12th October –

Chosen to be Blessed:

Ephesians 1:3-12

19th October –

A Humble Servant:

Philippians 2:1-11 (communion)



26th October – **Peter Swaffield**

2nd November – **Spitting Image:**

Colossians 1.15-20

9th November –

A Seedbed for Flourishing:

Colossians 2:6-15

16th November –

Phil Dyer - (communion)

23rd November -

The Giver of Life:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11



New Monthly Autumn Mid-Week Programme:

FOR OCTOBER . . .

Mon 6th - Men's/Women's Breakfast

Tues 7th - Tuesday House Group

Weds 8th Messy Church

Weds 8th - Wednesday House Group

Mon 13th - Book Club

Weds 15th - Community Lunch

Sun 19th - 'Listening' Worship & Prayer

Weds 22nd - Wednesday House Group

Tues 28th - Tuesday House Group





TODAY

We will have our Church Meeting after refreshments following this morning's service. Do stay if you can.



Harvest 5th October. Bring and Share Lunch

In order to celebrate God's goodness to us together we will have a **Bring and Share Lunch** after the service on 5th October. This is an opportunity to gather socially, to have time to chat and be together as God's people.

The suggested menu is for a hot meal including jacket potatoes with fillings, salads, rice, desserts and soft drinks.

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church for your contribution. Do come anyway even if you cannot bring food or drinks.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered food, there is still space for more offers.



You are the most important part of this.

Christine.

Decorating the church for Harvest.



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Harvest Celebration please come on Saturday 4th October at 9.30am with a mixed bunch of flowers and some foliage and we will have some fun. We will be finished by 11.30 am.

Thank you Christine

We will again be giving our Harvest Donations to

Hayes Community Food Bank.

I have asked for a steer on what items would currently be most useful and the following items were suggested:

Tinned Meat
Tinned Fish
Weetabix/Granola/Muesli
Laundry detergent (especially
non-bio)
Cleaning wipes



Obviously all donated items, from the wider list at the back of the church, will be greatly received, but maybe for harvest this year we could use this short list as a guide.

Many thanks
Andy



The crowds asked "What should we do?"

John (the baptiser) replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

Luke 3:11

MY BAPTISM

Recently, Sue told us that she was celebrating the anniversary of her baptism so I suggested to her that it might be great if some members of the church told us about their baptism as that might encourage others who had not been baptised to think about it for themselves.

So, having made the suggestion, I thought that I could be the first to write about it. As a young Christian I was praying that the Lord would show me the church that he wanted me to join that would help me to grow as a Christian, I tried a couple of local churches but they did not seem to be right. Then, for some unknown reason, I thought of trying Bromley Baptist Church although I had no idea what a Baptist church was like Somehow I had a picture of a rather 'conservative', old fashioned and rather dull elderly congregation! So it was with some trepidation that I walked up the steps of Bromley Baptist church to see what was inside. I was very pleasantly surprised to find a lively packed church of all ages enthusiastically worshiping the Lord. I sat next to a lady who was so very welcoming that I decided that that was where the Lord wanted me to be and so I stayed there for about 10 years until I moved to London.

During that time the question of baptism by immersion arose. Some of my friends helped me to see that Believers' Baptism was not only Biblical but was a wonderful public affirmation of my death to my old life, the forgiveness of my sins and to my resurrection to a saving new life in Christ. However, I hesitated to do it as, at that time, I was nearly 16 stone and I had the vision of a tremendous tsunami flooding the church as I was pushed down into the pool by our Pastor! Wonderfully, the Lord encouraged me to go ahead and my pastor gently lowered me into the water with no flooding!

I am so very pleased that I was obedient. There were several of us being baptised - the ladies wearing long thick white discreet robes as was the custom in those far away days! It was a really wonderful experience as I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit filling me with great joy as I came up out of the water; just as if I had been born again to a new life with Christ. I shall never forget it.

I was also delighted that my mother not only agreed to come to the service but she stood at the side of the pool holding my towel and joined us in the prayer meeting that followed. At that time she only occasionally went to an Anglican church so had never been to a baptismal service and could not understand why I felt the need to be baptised by immersion.

The verse that our Pastor gave me at that time was Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever."

Which has certainly been a wonderful truth, comfort and help to me ever since.

Diana Knights





CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION

At Sandown Park Race Course, Thursday 16 October

Annette and I going to the exhibition this year, as we always do, and we wonder if you would like to join us.

The cost for a group is £3 per head and I am happy to get all the tickets that are needed.

What I thought would be nice is for us to go altogether in one vehicle. I can organise a 16 seater mini coach at a cost of £10 each, but if you prefer to make your own way there, then that is fine.

The plan is to leave from the church at 10am and depart from the exhibition at 3 o'clock.

As for the exhibition. There are over 170 exhibiters and they come in the following Headings

Bible/Books/Publishing

Children/Youth/schools/Family

Church Supplies

Holidays/Travel

Events

Careers

Church Building

Conferences/

Evangelism/Community/ social Concern

Furniture/Gifts

Finance/Legal/Administration

International Ministry M
Mission/Missional Resources P
Technology/AV/IT Theo
Worship/Music/Arts/Broadcasting.

Marketing/Promotion
Pastoral/Care/Prayer
Theology and Education

And of course, there are several coffee and refreshment outlets and restaurants and dining/eating places both inside and outside.

We always enjoy sitting outside on the sloping terraces of the race course looking out over the race course with a golf course in the centre and trains going by in the distance.

Please let me know what you think and if you have any questions then feel free to talk to either Annette or myself. Nearer the time, I will put a sheet of paper at the back of the church for you to enter your interest in coming along. It will be fun. Thank you. - **Rodney**



PLEASE HELP US TO FIND SLEEPERS FOR THIS YEAR'S SLEEP OUT EVENT. If you are unable to take part perhaps you know someone who can!



The annual Sleep Out event is where we invite the local community to Bromley Parish Church to have dinner, listen to live music and hear about what has been happening at the charity, and ask brave souls to stay for a sponsored sleep out in the church grounds. A ticket to the dinner costs £15 and we ask sponsored sleepers to raise at least £100.

RAISING MONEY BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES TO HAVE A HOME. JOIN THE BROMLEY SLEEP OUT 2025

This November, we're asking:

Could you give up your warm bed for just one night to help those who have no choice?

By taking part in our annual **Sleep Out**, you'll not only raise vital funds to support people facing homelessness but also experience, in a small way, the harsh reality too many live with every day.

Every pound you raise helps Bromley Homeless provide shelter, support, and a path back to stability. Together, we can get people off the streets and back on their feet.

Sign up today and be part of the change.

Here is a link to the details of the event:

https://bromleyhomeless.org/2025-sleepout

DangerMouse's fundraiser for Bromley Homeless



Ian Scott is raising money for Bromley Homeless



I've decided to fundraise for Bromley Homeless <u>TODAY</u> (Sunday 28th September) and I'd really appreciate your support.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to **Bromley Homeless**, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Bromley Homeless is a year round service providing Homeless Advice & Advocacy, Shelter and Hosted accommodation in the Borough of

Bromley. Between November and March, we run a static shelter for homeless men and women with an array of services to boost and support their wellbeing until housed.

lan Scott's JustGiving Page

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Bromley Homeless and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Thank you for your support!



We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

(EPHESIANS 2:10)

MADE TO DO GOOD FOR GOD - EPHESIANS 2:6-10

At first, I ignored the card fluttering to the ground. The father and his little girl who dropped it were just twenty feet away, and I was late for work. *Surely they'll notice*, I told myself. But they kept walking. My conscience got the better of me, and I went over to pick it up. It was a prepaid buss pass. When I gave it to them, their effusive thanks left me feeling unexpectedly satisfied. *Why do I feel so good about doing such a small thing?* I wondered.

It turns out that the human body produces chemicals that improve our mood when we're kind to others. We're made to feel good when we do good! That's not surprising, because we were created by a good God who made us to be like Him.

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 10, shows us that blessing others is a part of our very purpose: "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." This verse doesn't simply give an instruction to do good; in a way, it also reflects a part of our God-made nature. We don't have to be doing great things all the time. If we do something small to help others in our daily lives, we not only get the reward of satisfaction, but we also know that we're pleasing God—doing exactly what He made us to do.

Dear Father, please open my eyes to see how I can be kind to someone today.

Who needs a helping hand or an encouraging word?





If you would like to help the **SHOEBOX APPEAL** please speak to Annette Wilson, she will give you a leaflet which has the all the necessary details on how to make one...

We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.	
Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted) Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2026 EU Origin) Soap & Flannel	Toothbrushes & Toothpaste Candles & Holders* or Tealights Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/
Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Unisex Elderly Shoebox. FAMILY (PLEASE TICK) ELDERLY (UNISEX)	
Colouring Pads (A5) Crayons/Pencils (with rubber & sharpener) Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars) Soft Toy Teddy (with CE labels) Tape Measure/DIY Tool Sewing Kit Shampoo (max 400ml) Solar-Powered Calculator Safety Razors Hairbrush/Comb Other Gifts	Reading Glasses/Magnifier (Max + 2 strength) Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc) Hot Water Bottle Work Gloves Pen and Paper Socks/Tights (NEW) Wind-Up Radio/Torch Shampoo (max 400ml) Scissors/Nail Clippers Safety Razors Other Gifts

... the leaflet will explain in 8 easy steps what to do

Or go to www.linktohope.co.uk

Mr Mrs Pickles!

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.

Psalm 73:26













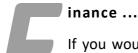




I'M GOING TO STOP WATCHING ANTIQUES ROAD-SHOW WITH YOU,



Me and my husband were sitting on our couch watching TV yesterday. Suddenly, I heard a ping on my mobile phone which I had left in the kitchen. I got up, went to the kitchen to check it. It was a text from my husband: "Please bring a packet of crisps on your way back"



If you would like to make a donation to the work of the church, as a gift or worship offering, there is a donation box on the wall by the doors on the way out.

Our church is entirely self-financed, therefore we are very grateful for all donations received. If you'd like to financially support God's work at CHBC, either as a one-off gift or on a regular basis, you can

at: 'Coney Hill Baptist Church'

Account Number: 40247227 — Sort Code: 40-46-20.

We give 10% of our non-restricted gifted income to mission organisations that we support. If you would like more details on this aspect of our work, please contact our treasurer.



Thank you.

Hayes Community Food Bank

basket has been placed at the back of the church for your food donations to the Hayes Community Food Bank. Every item placed in there really does make a difference!

Alternatively, financial donations can be made via our treasurer (cash or cheques made to 'Hayes Community Foodbank'), or the Foodbank's bank details can be provided. In addition to food donations, each week volunteers go shopping to make sure that supported families receive what they need.

Thank you.

Hayes
Community Foodbank

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday to Friday (term time only) Jigsaw Preschool Monday to Friday - 9.15 to 12.15pm - (5 morning sessions) Wed, Thurs, and Friday - 12.15 to 3.13pm - (3 afternoon sessions)

MONDAY

Men's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am
Women's Breakfast - 1st Monday every month - 9.00am
House-group - 10:30am at the Church
Youth Group - (11-16) - 7.30 to 9.00pm.
Book Club - 2nd Monday every month 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Stay & Play Cafe - 9.00am - 12.30pm
Under 5's Lunch Club - 12.15pm

Painting group at Hayes Village Hall - 1.15 to 4pm
Women's Fellowship 2.00pm to 4.00pm
House-group - 8.00 to 10.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Coffee and Craft 1st Wednesday every month - 10.30 to noon Community Lunch - 3rd Wednesday every month - 12.30pm Messy church at Hayes Village Hall - 2nd Wednesday every month 3.15 - 4.45pm - Churches Together in Hayes ministry. West Wickham (special needs) Cubs & Scout Group - 6.30 to 8.30pm

House-group - 8.00 to 10.00pm

THURSDAY

Slimming World - 5.30pm & 7.00pm

FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting - 9.30 to 10.30am - in person @ Church 'Pitstop' Table Tennis - 7.30 to 9.30pm

SATURDAY

Pilates 10.00 to 11.00am

Games Evening (3rd Saturday of every month) - 7 to 9pm